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SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF LEBANESE/PALESTINIANS FROM  
BERLIN AND FRG TO BEIRUT

REF: (A) BONN, 7103, (B) BEIRUT 1932, (C) STATE 95361

1. SUMMARY. POLICE AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN AND THE FRG HAVE  
FOR SOME MONTHS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO RELIEVE SERIOUS BACKLOG  
OF LEBANESE AND PALESTINIAN DEPORTEES. WITH IMPROVEMENT  
IN SCHEDULED AIRLINE SERVICE FROM FRG TO BEIRUT, RESOLU-  
TION OF PROBLEM IS IN OFFING, AND RESORT TO CHARTERING ALLIED  
CARRIER FROM BERLIN NO LONGER APPEARS NECESSARY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR ADDRESSEES' BACKGROUND, BERLIN POLICE WHO ARE UNDER  
DIRECT ALLIED (US, FRENCH, BRITISH) SUPERVISION, HAVE FOR  
SOME MONTHS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO CURB THE ILLEGAL FLOW  
OF LEBANESE AND SOME PALESTINIANS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST  
WHO HAVE TRAVELLED HERE EITHER TO ESCAPE INVOLVEMENT IN  
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THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR OR TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT. IN  
GENERAL, POLICE BELIEVE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT  
HAVE ANY PARTICULAR POLITICAL OR TERRORIST AFFILIATION.  
IT IS RELATIVELY EASY FOR THEM TO ENTER WEST BERLIN  
FROM EAST BERLIN, LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY, VIA THE INTRA-  
CITY RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; SOME REMAIN HERE,  
OTHERS CONTINUE ON TO FRG.

THEY USUALLY SEEK TO REGULARIZE THEIR STATUS BY CLAIMING POLITICAL ASYLUM. UNDER GERMAN LAW, THE LEGAL PROCESS TO ESOLVE SUCH CLAIMS CAN DRAG ON FOR YEARS.

3. BERLIN'S FACILITIES FOR DEALING WITH SUCH REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL RESIDENTS ARE NOW SEVERELY OVERSTRAINED, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE SEVERAL MONTHS CLOSURE OF THE FRG ALIEN REFUGEE CAMP AT ZIRNDORF IN BAVARIA. CONSEQUENTLY, BERLIN POLICE AND LEGAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO WEED OUT AND DENY THE MORE SPURIOUS ASYLUM CLAIMS OF MIDDLE EAST CITIZENS AND TO EXPEDITE THEIR EXPULSION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WHENEVER SUCH AN EXPULSION ORDER IS ISSUED, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE OBLIGED TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES AND THE LAW REQUIRES THEAT DEPORTEES BE EXPELLED TO THEIR HMELAND OR LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THE PALESTINIANS INVOLVED CARRY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ONE VARIETY OR ANOTHER ISSUED IN LEBANON.

4. THE POLICE HAVE REPORTED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS IN SWIFTLY MOVING THESE DEPORTEES OUT OF TOWN AND BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST. PROBLEM HAD BEEN GROWING BECAUSE ONLY AIRLINE REGULARLY SERVING BEIRUT FROM FRG IS MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES' SCHEDULED SERVICE FROM FRANKFURT. ACCORDING TO POLICE, MEA HAS ONLY BEEN ACCEPTING ONE OR TWO DEPORTEE PASSENGERS PER FLIGHT. IN PURSUIT OF OUR REGULAR SUPERVISORY FUNCTIONS WE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICE TEN DAYS AGO. AT THAT TIME WE ADVISED THE POLICE TO COORDINATE THEIR DEPORTATIONS WITH TH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING AN ALLIED CARRIER FROM BERLIN TO RELIEVE THE BACKLOG.

5. THE POLICE HAVE NOW RETURNED TO US AND ADVISED THAT PROBLEM IS ON THE WAY TO RESOLUTION. MEA IS NOW WILLING TO CARRY MORE DEPORTEES THAN BEFORE. IN ADDITION, A TWICE-WEEKLY SCHEDULED LUFTHANSA SWERVICE TO BEIRUT IS DUE TO RESUME MAY 8. ALSO, SINCE THE INFLUX OF LEVANTINE ARABS IS NOT CONFINED TO BERLIN, BUT IS AN FRG-WIDE PROBLEM AND BECAUSE LEBANON IS ONLY REPRESENTED HER BY AN HONORARY CONSUL, BERLIN POLICE USE OTHER CHANNELS TO NOTIFY THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. INFO ON DEPORTATIONS IS FORWARDED TO THE FEDERAL GERMAN POLICE (BKA), WHO IN TURN PUT IT INTO INTERPOL CHANNELS FOR THE LEBANESE SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

6. POLICE HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE FIGURE 24 DEPORTEES MAY

CONSTITUTE AN FRG-WIDE FIGURE.

7. FOR BEIRUT: AEROAMERICA IS A UNITED STATES CORPORA-  
TION PERFORMING PASSENGER AND FREIGHT CHARTER SERVICES IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. IT HAS  
BASE IN BERLIN AND HAS ALSO FLOWN FROM CAIRO AND NIGERIA.  
IT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT AND IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH AIR  
AMERICA REPEAT AIR AMERICA. GOERGE

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